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Postmedia Periodicals Getting Taxpayer Handouts In 2022

Postmedia Network Inc. - Ontario Farmer

\$829,881.00

Apr 1, 2022

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Agreement:

Ontario Farmer

Number:

1350944

Duration: from Apr 1, 2022 to Mar 31, 2023

Description:

Canada Periodical Fund - CPF - Aid to Publishers

Organization: Canadian Heritage

Program Name: Canada Periodical Fund - CPF - Aid to Publishers

Government financing of media continued into 2022. What a surprise. Very few, if any, periodicals are actually independent. When Government (or rather, taxpayer) subsidies are built into the budget, it takes away a lot of the autonomy.

The conflict of interest — or at least the appearance of such a conflict — is obvious. Media outlets that are dependent financially on Government cannot be fully trusted to hold them to account. This follows the logic not to bite the hand that feeds.

Anyhow, here are some of the latest from Postmedia:

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
Clinton News Record	Apr 1, 2022	\$12,979.00
The Cochrane Times Post	Apr 1, 2022	\$19,026.00
The Drayton Valley Western Review	Apr 1, 2022	\$23,327.00
Exeter Lakeshore Times-Advance	Apr 1, 2022	\$40,516.00
The Fairview Post	Apr 1, 2022	\$18,195.00
Goderich Signal Star	Apr 1, 2022	\$48,812.00
Hanna Herald	Apr 1, 2022	\$12,190.00
Huron Expositor (Seaforth)	Apr 1, 2022	\$11,038.00
Kings County Record	Apr 1, 2022	\$43,730.00
The Lucknow Sentinel	Apr 1, 2022	\$13,367.00
The Mayerthorpe Freelancer	Apr 1, 2022	\$10,893.00
The Mid-North Monitor	Apr 1, 2022	\$11,958.00
The Mitchell Advocate	Apr 1, 2022	\$34,680.00
The Nanton News	Apr 1, 2022	\$8,193.00
Northern Light	Apr 1, 2022	\$30,161.00
Ontario Farmer	Apr 1, 2022	\$829,881.00
The Pincher Creek Echo	Apr 1, 2022	\$12,024.00
Record-Gazette	Apr 1, 2022	\$9,558.00
Shoreline Beacon	Apr 1, 2022	\$28,816.00
The Standard (Elliot Lake)	Apr 1, 2022	\$29,462.00
The Tribune	Apr 1, 2022	\$32,987.00
The Vulcan Advocate	Apr 1, 2022	\$17,731.00

The Whitecourt Star	Apr 1, 2022	\$18,817.00
The Wiarton Echo	Apr 1, 2022	\$17,342.00

Of course, these grants don't take into account other indirect contributions, just as Government buying up ad space. That was extremely common occurrence over the last few years. Something else came up on that screen.

▼ Calendar Year

☒ 2022	24
☐ 2021	42
☐ 2020	69
☐ 2019	25
☐ 2018	29
☐ 2017	29
☐ 2016	30
☐ 2015	31
☐ 2012	1
☐ 2011	1

One thing worth noting: the Canadian Periodical Fund grants for Postmedia appear to have taken off in 2015. That would have been when Stephen Harper was still in power. Strange how this sort of thing only gets blamed on Trudeau.

Don't worry, the next batch will be coming up in the Spring of 2023. And Postmedia is hardly the only recipient of these bailouts.

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(1) <https://search.open.canada.ca/grants/>

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(3) <https://canucklaw.ca/media-subsidies-and-govt-financing/>

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